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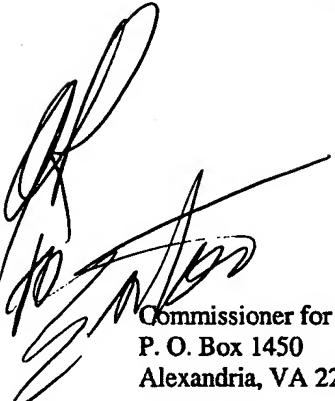
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116


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Dear Sirs:

This paper is in response to the Examiner's final Office Action (hereinafter "the Action"), mailed October 4, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks as indicated below:

- **Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.